implementation of the various parameters of the New Policy must be reviewed every five years. Since, the present curriculum framework was released four years ago, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), has set up a National Steering Committee with 31 members under the chairmanship of Prof. Yashpal to undertake the review of National Curriculum Framework for School Education.

Legislation on Admissions in Private Colleges

367. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have brought a legislation on admissions in private colleges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Government of India proposes to initiate a dialogue with all the stakeholders in order to examine the feasibility of bringing in a central legislation for admission and fees in the private professional colleges.

Mid-day meal scheme

†368. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon. Supreme Court of India has directed the Centre to implement "Mid-day" meal scheme on its own since States have not been able to implement these schemes properly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress registered so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The matter of Mid-day meal scheme is still *sub-judice* in WP(C) 196/2001 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Allocation for Karnataka under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

369. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocation made to Karnataka for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme during the last three years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the impact of the programme on literacy rate;

(c) to what extent school dropouts reduced after its implementation; and

(d) whether there are any plan for extension of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme to secondary schools, and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Central Assistance released to Karnataka for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during last 3 years is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Central Assistance Released
2001-02	2804.05
2002-03	8270.46
2003-04	10426.67

(b) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan aims at Universalization of Elementary Education among children of 6-14 year age group, and not at improvement of adult literacy rate.

(c) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was launched in the year 2001-02. Dropout rate at Elementary Stage in Karnataka, which was 51% in 2001-02, declined to 48.5% in 2002-03.

(d) No, Sir.

Bill on sexual harassment of women at workplace

370. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of the Supreme Court's directives, the National Commission for Women had submitted a draft of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Redressal and Prevention) Bill, 2004;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has since obtained suggestions and comments from the interested public/NGOs and whether the volume of response was overwhelming; and